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Re: Applicant(s): Ibrahim ABDULHALIM et al.
Title: Periodic Patterns and Technique to Control Misalignment
Between Two Layers
Application No.: 10/699,153 Filing Date: October 30, 2003
Examiner: Patricia Ann GEORGE Group Art Unit: 1765
Docket No.: TNCR.196US2 Conf. No.: 1463

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are the following documents in the above-identified application:

- (1) This Transmittal Letter (in duplicate);
- (2) Preliminary Amendment; with fee authorization for added claims; and
- (3) Attachment: USP 6,772,084 B2.

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CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Claims Remaining <u>After Amendment</u>		Highest No. Previously <u>Paid For</u>		Present <u>Extra</u>		<u>Rate</u>		Additional <u>Fee</u>
Total Claims	79	Minus	23	=	56	x	\$50.00	\$	2,800.00
Independent Claims	9	Minus	5	=	4	x	\$200.00	\$	800.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fee of \$360.00 for the first filing of one or more multiple dependent claims per application							\$	N/A
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fee for Petition for Extension of Time							\$	N/A
Total additional fee for this Amendment:								\$	3,600.00

- ☐ Conditional Petition for Extension of Time: If an extension of time is required for timely filing of the enclosed document(s) after all papers filed with this transmittal have been considered, an extension of time is hereby requested.
- ☒ Please charge the fees required, as well as any additional fees, to our Deposit Account No. 50-2664. This authorization is provided in duplicate.

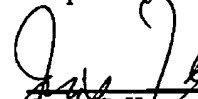
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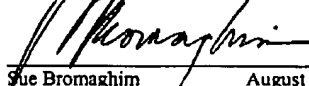

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please make the following amendments to the above-referenced application:

Amendments to the Specification are not being made.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings are not being made.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

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